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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Reactivation of the CIA Reinvestigation
Polygraph Program

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The CIA Reinvestigation Polygraph Program was inaugurated in 1957 and it developed into a significant Polygraph Program until 1966 when it was suspended. The suspension came about as other more critical demands were being made on CIA polygraph resources which resulted in manpower being dedicated to support Southeast Asia operations.
3. Conditions have stabilized and it is now possible to resume the Reinvestigation Polygraph Program on an Agency-wide basis. The intent of this Program is to focus on repolygraphing two categories of personnel: 1) all CIA employees currently undergoing background investigation updating, and 2) all CIA employees returning PCS from denied areas or communist controlled countries. Polygraph coverage in each category is the same, emphasizing issues of direct counterintelligence interest, i.e., the questions will deal exclusively with disclosure to foreign government or intelligence representatives; provocations or recruitment; and the unauthorized revelation of classified information.
4. To insure that this Program is administered in a fair and equitable manner, grade or position will have no bearing on any aspect of the Program. All CIA personnel returning PCS from denied areas and all CIA personnel being routinely reinvestigated pursuant to HR [REDACTED] (regulation dealing with Reinvestigations) will be scheduled for a reinvestigation polygraph examination.

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5. Apropos to your approval on 12 March 1975 for reactivating the polygraph portion of the Reinvestigation Program the Office of Security has resumed the Program for its personnel and approximately 200 staff employees have been successfully and favorably repolygraphed. This has proven to be a sound and beneficial security program and I have asked the Office of Security to reinitiate the Repolygraph Program on an Agency-wide basis in the immediate future.

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Deputy Director
for
Administration

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